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SUBJECT: FUEL CRISIS

SUMMARY: EFFECTS OF ENERGY CRISIS ON OUTBOUND TOURISM IN COMING MONTHS.

TYOWAS 4-132 RE TSD 4-269. JAPANESE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY (JTM) SENT LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 20 TO ALL CARRIERS SERVING JAPAN SUGGESTING FOLLOWING VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES. 1. REFRAIN FROM TOURISM PUBLICITY. 2. WITHHOLD NEW PLEASURE CHARTER CONTRACTING. 3. REDUCE PLEASURE CHARTERS ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR. 4. GIVE PRIORITY TO BUSINESS TRAVEL IN ALLOCATING SEATS.

STILL DIFFICULT TO PREDICT EFFECTS WITH ANY ACCURACY, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IF "VOLUNTARY" STEPS INSUFFICIENT AND GOJ DIRECTS ACTION IN ACCORD WITH GUIDELINES, WE WILL SEE RISE IN "BUSINESS TRAVEL" ALONG LINES IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO EASING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS PRIOR TO 1969. TO THAT TIME, TECHNICAL AND STUDY TOURS WERE COMMONLY USED AS MEANS OF GROUP PLEASURE TRAVEL AND WERE OFTEN ARRANGED AND SOLICITED BY CARRIERS AND TRADE ON FLIMSIEST OF PRETEXTS, FOR EXAMPLE 45-DAY STUDY TOUR OF WORLD FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES NTBE

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RLONLY#ONE PLANT VISIT IN
EUROPEAN ONE IN USA.

IN SUM, PLEASURE TRAVEL CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNDER OTHER NAMES, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF LIFT.

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JAPAN EXEMPTED FROM DECEMBER 5 PERCENT OIL CUT IMPOSED ON EUROPE
BUT WAS CRITICIZED BY ARABS FOR TAKING OBVIOUSLY EXPEDIENT
POSITION IN MAKING RECENT MINOR CONCESSION TO ARAB POSITION. WE
HAVE NO INFO YET ON JANUARY OIL CUT, BUT SUSPECT THAT ANY
INCREASINGLY PRO-ARAB STAND WILL NOT NECESSARILY EXEMPT JAPAN
FROM FURTHER CUTS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. FURTHER SOURCES TEND TO
BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF LATER EXEMPTED FROM CUTS, JAPAN WILL NOT
RECEIVE FAVORED NATION TREATMENT UNLESS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL ARE CUT. THAT SUBJECT REMAINS SPECULATIVE EVEN IN EMBASSY'S
POLITICAL SECTION AND WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT PROPHECY AT THIS POINT.

TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE JTM LETTER FOLLOWS UNDER TSD 4-269.
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